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SUBJ: COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR
DEVELOPMENT (CSTD)

SUMMARY: GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED MARCH 15.

END SUMMARY.

1. US STATEMENT EMPHASIZED NEED FOR SOUND
NATIONAL SCIENCE POLICIES AND PLANNING MECHANISMS IF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ARE TO BE APPLIED EFFECTIVELY.
UNDERScoreD POTENTIAL ROLE OF COMMITTEE IN FOSTERING
EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE IN THIS REGARD. EXPRESSED CONCERN
ABOUT COMMITTEE' S PREOCCUPATION WITH EMPHASIS ON QUANTITURE
TARGETS FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES,
STRESSING THAT THE LACK OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES IS NOT
NOW THE PRINCIPLE CONSTRAINT TO MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. URGED THAT COMMITTEE NOT DIVERT
ATTENTION TO REWRITING SECTION OF SECOND DEVELOPMENT
DECADE STRATEGY.

U. S. PROPOSAL INTERSESSIONAL GROUP ON PLENARY
AND MANAGEMENT OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, ARE PARTICULARLY
ANALYSIS OF HOW SUCCESSFUL ELEMENTS OF INT' L AGRI-
CULTURE RESEARCH NETWORKS RICE, CORN AND WHEAT CAN
BE APPLIED TO ANOTHER RESEARCH AREAS OF WORLD- WIDE IMPORTANCE.

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2. INDIA AFFIRMED ITS SUPPORT FOR QUANTIFIED
GOALS AND TARGETS UNDER THE UNT' L DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS INCLUDED (1) RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY SHOULD REMAIN WITH UNCTAD; AND, (2) CSTD AT THIS SESSION SHOULD MAKE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING CONVENING A SECOND INT' L CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

3. PAKISTAN MADE BALANCED PRESENTATION URGING DC' S TO MEET COMMITMENTS TO TARGETS OF IDS BUT, IN ADDITION, POINTING OUT FAILURE OF LDC' S TO UTILIZE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN DEVELOPMENT. PRIORITIES FOR ACTION INCLUDE (1) ADDRESS MEANS OF REDUCING INEQUITIES IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; (2) DEVELOP A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY; (3) DEVELOP CRITERIA FOR RESEARCH TO MEET DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS; AND (4) CONSIDER PRIORITIES FOR FUTURE ACTION.

4. PHILIPPINES ADVOCATED A SECOND WORLD CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO BE HELD IN NEXT THREE OR FOUR YEARS.

5. JAPAN SUPPORTED IDEA OF SESSIONAL WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS FOUR MAIN SUBJECTS: (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF CSTD' S LEADING ROLE IN S AND T FOR DEVELOPMENT, (2) NEED TO CLOSE GAP IN LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY BETWEEN DC' S AND LDC' S, (3) NEED FOR GLOBAL APPROACH ENCOMPASSING SA' S, REC' S, UN SECRETARIAT AND GOVERNMENTS, (4) NEED FOR PROMOTION OF SELF- RELIANCE OF RECEPIENT COUNTRIES ENABLING THEM TO FULLY EXPLOIT R AND D AND TECHNOLOGY MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM.

6. STATEMENTS BY OTHER LDC' S UNANIMOUS IN SUPPORT OF QUANTITATIVE GOALS AND TARGETS OF INT' L DEVELOPED STRATEGY. STATEMENTS BY DC' S GENERALLY EXPRESSED MISGIVINGS ABOUT GOALS AND TARGETS AND SUPPORTED CONCEPT OF INTRA- AND INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUPS TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC SUBSTANTIVE AND ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE. STATEMENTS BY SOCIALIST COUNTRIES (POLAND, MONGOLIA) STRESSED THEIR NATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN DEVELOPING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE AND AVOIDED MENTION OF GOALS AND TARGETS.

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